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(C) Charge reviewed reftel A points with Turkmenistan Foreign Minister Rashit Meredov on the sidelines of a conference October 13. Meredov remained non-committal and was not forthcoming on Turkmenistan's stance on the UNSC election. Embassy received similar feedback from Meredov in previous approaches on this subject. Post will report any further developments septel.

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